

Commission on Fatherhood Issues
September 16, 2002 -- Cross State Office Bldg., Rm. #214
Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. Review meeting agenda and expectations.**
Sen. McAlevey, Rep. Simpson, Commission Members & Staff
- ❖ Review meeting agenda and discuss Aug. 27th meeting summary
- 9:45 a.m. Legislative history and background.**
Presentation & discussion: Rep. Paul Tessier
- ❖ Discuss legislative intent behind legislation authorizing the commission
- 10:15 a.m. Factors that impact the parenting ability of fathers.**
Presentation & discussion: Steven Andrew, Inner Edge and Men's Resource Center of Southern Maine
- ❖ Fatherhood Leadership Involvement Project (FLIP)
 - ❖ Men's Resource Center of Southern Maine programs
- 11:00 a.m. Programs supporting families of separation and divorce.**
Presentation & discussion: Staci Fortunato, Exec. Director, Families First, Kennebec County and Susan Wiggin, Outreach Coordinator, Kids First Center, Portland
- ❖ Programs and resources for parents and families of separation and divorce
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch.** (Members may order & pick up lunch from the Cross Café)
- 1:00 p.m. Federal and state programs supporting father's involvement in their children's lives.**
Briefing & discussion: Judy Williams, Bureau of Family Independence, DHS; Stephen Hussey, Division of Support Enforcement & Recovery, DHS; Michael Norton, Bureau of Child & Family Services, DHS; Kerry Wiersma, Division of Contracted Community Services, DHS; Lisa Ayotte, Augusta Head Start Program
- ❖ State plan for TANF funds, including programs and services for fathers
 - ❖ Access and visitation programs
 - ❖ Non-Custodial Parent Outreach and Investigation Project
 - ❖ Foster and adoptive programs
 - ❖ Head Start programs
- 3:00 p.m. Break.**
- 3:15 p.m. Public comment and commission planning.**
Public members, Commission Members & Staff
- ❖ Public comment will be invited at this time
 - ❖ Review findings, work plan and discuss next steps
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment.**